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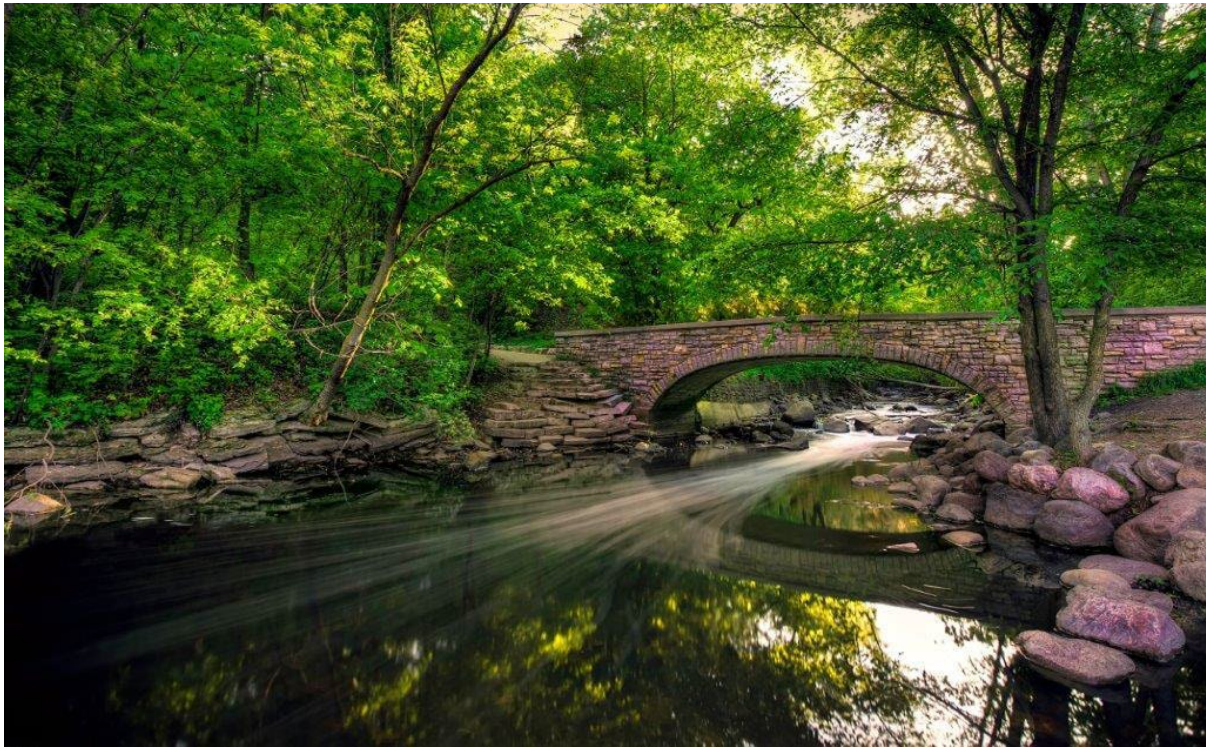
Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join us in person or virtually for the September, 2023 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will go into closed session as permitted by attorney-client privilege in order to discuss and receive legal advice on the possibility of participating in the legal case related the petition for an EAW for the Kinseth Hotel in Duluth. During the open session the board will hear an update on the Pollinator Action Framework, the 2020 State Water Plan Implementation update, and a Clean Water Council update. If time allows, the board will also vote on the updated per diem and expense policy.

More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

[Blatnik Bridge Replacement Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Duluth; St. Louis

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

Joint federal and state review: Yes

End of comment period: October 19, 2023

Project description: MnDOT, in cooperation with WisDOT, is proposing the replacement of the John A. Blatnik Bridge (Minnesota Bridge 9030, Wisconsin Bridge B-16-5) on Interstate 535 (I-535) connecting the two communities of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin across the St. Louis Bay and the reconstruction of an interchange in Superior that routes I-535 directly to US 53 with local connections to Hammond Avenue and WIS 35.

Link to public documents: [Blatnik Bridge Replacement Project EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802

Public meeting date, time, location: October 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue, Superior, WI 54880

Public meeting additional details: For anyone unable to attend the public hearing in person, a recording will be made available on the project website: mndot.gov/d1/projects/blatnik-bridge

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Transportation, [John Krysiak](#), 218-341-7595

Lake Bronson Dam Rehabilitation

Location (city/township; county): Lake Bronson; Kittson

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: October 19, 2023

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is undertaking the replacement of a high hazard dam within Lake Bronson State Park. This project includes removal and replacement of the concrete spillway and associated bridge, which are located within areas of valuable natural and cultural resources, including a Works Progress Administration historic district.

Link to public documents: [Lake Bronson Dam Rehabilitation EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Hallock Public Library, 163 3rd Street South, Hallock, MN 56728

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Becky Horton](#), 651-259-5122

Heartland Corn Products Pipeline Project

Location (city/township; county): Winthrop; Sibley

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: September 11, 2023

Project description: Heartland Corn Products, Inc., an ethanol production facility at 53331 Highway 19 East, Winthrop, Minnesota, proposes to construct a new natural gas pipeline to serve the ethanol plant to increase the supply of natural gas to the facility. A new higher-capacity natural gas pipeline, along with additional facility improvements, will allow HCP to increase its currently permitted ethanol production capacity of 155 million gallons per year (MMgpy) by up to 25 MMgpy to a total capacity of 180 MMgpy.

Link to public documents: [Heartland Corn Products Pipeline Project EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Samantha Bump](#), 651-757-2146

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication.

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